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**UNITED STATES SENATE
YOUTH PROGRAM**

RULES AND SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to acquaint you with the United States Senate Youth Program, which is held each year in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the United States Senate, pursuant to a grant made available by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation was established under the non-profit laws of California in 1948, exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. William Randolph Hearst was the Foundation's original and principal benefactor.

Over the years since its organization, the Foundation has made contributions to numerous hospitals, schools, colleges, art museums, boys clubs and other charitable and educational organizations in the United States. Since 1960, the Foundation, in cooperation with the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism, has sponsored an annual Journalism Awards Program in American colleges and universities. The Program is designed to encourage excellence in journalism education in the colleges and universities of the United States. Under the Program, the Foundation supplies scholarships to students and financial grants to accredited schools of journalism.

Since 1962, the Foundation has made available the necessary funds for operation of the United States Senate Youth Program, as created and originally authorized by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the Senate.

By participating in the Senate Youth Program, student delegates are given an unprecedented opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., meet and hear the leaders of our country and receive an intensive education in public issues and the operation of our democratic institutions.

The Senate Youth student delegates, by reason of their high caliber and the uniqueness of their experience, form a pool of outstanding young persons of the type from which our future leaders must come if our free society is to survive and prosper.

IT STARTED THIS WAY

In 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator KUCHEL (for himself and Senators MANSFIELD, DIRKSEN, and HUMPHREY), was received, referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and, under the rule, ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Whereas the continued vitality of our Republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functioning of our National Government by the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas the durability of a constitutional democracy is dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for political leadership; and

Whereas individual Senators have cooperated with various private and university undergraduate and graduate fellowship and internship programs relating to the work of Congress; and

Whereas in the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student-body offices in their junior or senior year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political processes: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representa-

tive high school students from each State a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.

SEC. 2. The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration shall investigate the possibility of establishing such a program and if the committee determines such a program is possible and advisable, it shall make the necessary arrangements to establish the program.

THE PROGRAM

Two high school students from each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia, who hold elective offices in their High Schools and who are juniors, or seniors, will be selected by their Chief State School Officers to attend the Senate Youth Program. Only currently elected high school student body officers of the 1976/1977 school year are eligible.

The selection deadline each year is November 1 and the names of the winning delegates are announced in December by the members of the Senate.

Each delegate will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Each of the delegates will also be entitled to receive a \$1,500 William Randolph Hearst Foundation college scholarship.

The 1977 program will be held January 29-February 5, inclusive, and will provide a week's internship with the government, and the United States Senate in particular. Among the activities scheduled are briefings at the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Justice and Supreme Court, and meetings with the President, Senators and other government leaders. In addition, the students serve a day of internship in the offices of their respective Senators.

Travel instructions and other miscellaneous information will be sent to the student delegates and to their respective high school principals.

Subject to the restrictions contained in Rule 6(a), the Foundation will maintain insurance, in such amounts and covering such risks as the Foundation determines, insuring the student delegates from the time they leave home until their return. In addition, a nurse will be available to the student delegates 24 hours a day for the entire duration of their visit in Washington, and a physician will be on call at all times.

Student delegates will be appropriately chaperoned while they are in Washington.

RULES

1. Any high school junior or senior student (irrespective of race, color, creed, sex or financial need) is eligible for the Program provided he or she currently is serving in an ELECTED capacity in any one of the following student government offices:

- (a) Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer.
- (b) Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer.
- (c) Student council representative.

2. Each student must be a citizen and a permanent resident of the United States and currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school located in the state (including,

for the purposes of this Rule, the District of Columbia) in which either one of his or her parents or guardian legally resides, provided that a student attending a school situated within a unified school district divided by a state boundary line, which school is located in a state other than the state of legal residence of either one of such student's parents or guardian, is eligible as a delegate only from the state in which either one of his or her parents or guardian legally resides.

3. Two student delegates from each state and the District of Columbia, and a first and second alternate from each state and the District of Columbia will be selected by the office of the Chief State or District School Officer, solely on the basis of outstanding ability and demonstrated qualities of leadership as currently elected student body officers of their high schools.

4. The names of the student delegates from each state and from the District of Columbia must be submitted in writing to the Foundation on or before November 1, 1976. In addition, the office of the Chief State or District School Officer must confirm the student's appointment as a delegate with the respective high school principal, who in turn will inform the parents or guardian of the delegate of such appointment.

Once the confirmation of the delegate is received, the Foundation will forward an application that must be signed by the delegate's parents or guardian, a copy of the Rules and Scholarship Regulations and other pertinent information relating to the delegate's stay in Washington.

5. It will be the responsibility of the local school district, local secondary school, and/or either a parent or a guardian to transport (at their expense) each student delegate to and from the nearest commercial airport, bus terminal or railroad station. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will arrange transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

6. Each student delegate will be required to observe the following standards of conduct:

(a) No tours or side trips for or by individual student delegates will be permitted nor will any time be allocated for shopping in Washington by individual student delegates.

(b) Each student delegate will be the guest of the United States Senate throughout the Program and will be required to conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to reasonably assure that neither the United States Senate nor the Senate Youth Program will be discredited as a result of the conduct of such student delegate.

SCHOLARSHIP

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has concluded that it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young persons to continue their development. To this end, the Foundation will make available to each of the 102 student delegates who will participate in this year's Senate Youth Program a Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500) Dollar Scholarship Award, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the Scholarship Regulations hereof. Additional information concerning the Scholarships will be given to the student delegates upon their arrival in Washington.

A facsimile of the \$1,500 Scholarship Award, together with a Symbolic Scroll, will be presented to each student delegate during his week-long stay in Washington. The Foundation anticipates that most Senators will personally make the presentation of the facsimile Scholarship Award and Symbolic Scroll to the student delegates from their respective states, and that the Vice President of the United States will make such presentation to the student delegates from the District of Columbia.

The Scholarship Award may be used to cover only the education costs of a student delegate who has matriculated and is a candidate for a degree at an accredited College or University located in the United States or its possessions, provided that such student delegate during his or her college career *takes two full-year courses* in United States Government, United States History or Political Science.

If a student delegate does not intend to make use of the \$1,500 Scholarship Award during his college career, the Foundation must be notified in writing, on or before May 15 of such student delegate's final high school year, of his or her intention. In the event a student delegate becomes ineligible or does not accept such Scholarship, the alternate

will become eligible for the Scholarship provided such first alternate complies with all of the Rules and Regulations of the Senate Youth Program. If the first alternate fails to qualify or does not accept such Scholarship, the second alternate will become eligible to receive the Scholarship provided such second alternate complies with all of the Rules and Regulations of the Senate Youth Program.

SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

1. The \$1,500 Scholarship is awarded subject to the following requirements.

(a) The student who receives the Scholarship Award must be a Senate Youth Program student delegate or alternate.

(b) The student must matriculate and become a candidate for a degree at an accredited College or University located in the United States or its possessions within a period of two years after graduation from high school. The \$1,500 Scholarship Award will be paid over to such College or University in \$750 increments with directions to such College or University to expend the Scholarship to cover educational costs (tuition, matriculation and other fees, and room and board provided by or approved by the College or University) of the grantee at such College or University, up to a maximum of \$750 per school year and, in any event, within a maximum period of five years commencing as of the date such student matriculates in such educational institution. The College or University will also be advised that the Scholarship is conditional on the student taking two full-year courses during the five-year Scholarship period in United States Government, United States History or Political Science.

(c) The two-year matriculation period and the five-year Scholarship period may be extended in the event of military duty or illness, or if other unusual circumstances occur (i.e., volunteering for the Peace Corps or VISTA Volunteers). In order to receive consideration for an extension, written request for such an extension, setting forth the reason thereof, must be given to the Foundation either (i) on or before October 15 of the year in which the student delegate otherwise would have matriculated as a College or University freshman, or (ii) as to a matriculated student, promptly after such student experiences any one or more of the above stated circumstances which causes an interruption in such student's education at the College or University of matriculation.

A student automatically will become ineligible to receive the Scholarship Award upon failure to fulfill the requirements of this Regulation 1, or in the event of gross misconduct while acting as a delegate to the Senate Youth Program. In the event of such ineligibility, the relevant provisions of Paragraph 4 under Scholarship shall apply.

2. In order to become eligible for the first \$750 of the Scholarship Award, each student delegate must complete the first year Application for Grant of Scholarship and have it signed by the Dean of Admissions or Registrar of the College or University of his or her choice. The official seal of such educational institution must be affixed to the original of such Application, which then must be forwarded to the Foundation. The second year Application for Grant of Scholarship must be completed before the Foundation will release the remaining \$750 of the Scholarship Award to such College or University.

3. If a student ceases to attend the College or University with which his scholarship has been placed, and such cessation results from the failure of the student to maintain the scholastic standing or other academic requirements of such College or University or of the Program, then all rights to any remaining balance of the Scholarship on the part of the student shall terminate and such balance shall be retained by the College or University and used for its educational purposes.

4. If a balance in a scholarship remains after the end of the five-year Scholarship period (or any extension thereof), the College or University with which such Scholarship has been placed shall retain and use such balance for its educational purposes.

5. The Rules and Regulations of the Senate Youth Program relating to the Scholarship Awards shall be construed, interpreted and applied by the Foundation, whose action and determination shall be final and binding.

For additional information on the United States Senate Youth Program please contact your Chief State School Officer or high school principal.